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Attorney Docket No. 101.0092-02000  
Customer No. 22882

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:	) Confirmation No.: 6591
Gary Karlin Michelson	)
Serial No.: 10/669,287	) Group Art Unit: 3738
Filed: September 24, 2003	) Examiner: Thomas Barrett
For: EXPANDABLE PUSH-IN ARCUATE	)
INTERBODY SPINAL FUSION IMPLANT	)
WITH TAPERED CONFIGURATION	)
DURING INSERTION	)

Mail Stop AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c)**

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(c), applicant brings to the attention of the Examiner the document listed on the attached PTO 1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the events recited in Section 1.97(b) but, to the undersigned's knowledge, before the mailing date of either a Final Action or a Notice of Allowance. Under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the fee of \$180.00 as specified by Section 1.17(p) is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1066.

Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the listed document and indicate that it was considered by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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